

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A remote response system utilizes portable response devices that receive user input and transmit user input over existing communication systems. Certain response
5 devices communicate over wireless systems such as paging systems, while other response devices communicate over plain old telephone systems by sending data bursts or by dialing different, established telephone numbers. A user of a remote response device can communicate with a presenter of programming that is broadcast over audio/visual mediums in real time without requiring a personal computer.